

Drawing Conclusions Mastery Test

Name: _____

Directions: Read all of the selections carefully and answer the questions following each one.

I.

ROBERT E. PEARY

Admiral Robert Peary was the first person to reach the North Pole. It does not seem difficult to flyover the pole now in modern aircraft. Such trips are made often, but Peary did not have airplanes to work with. In 1908 he did it another way. He went by dog sled.

Peary's first trip into the north was in Greenland. There he became interested in exploring those cold polar areas. It took him three tries to finally reach the pole. On the last try, he reached it after grueling days of travel across rough ice. He reached the pole with Matthew Henson, a black member of the expedition. While they were there they found out that the water under the pole was deeper than scientists had thought it was.

Which of these conclusions can be drawn from the article about Peary? Put an "X" before each correct answer. Do not mark wrong answers.

- ____ 1. Peary was a native of Greenland.
- ____ 2. Peary did not give up easily.
- ____ 3. Peary may have been in the Navy.
- ____ 4. Peary and Henson measured the water under the North Pole.
- ____ 5. Peary failed to reach the North Pole on his first two tries.

II.

CURIOUS

Tink was a chipmunk whose mother had always told him he was too curious. Now he had really done it. He had gotten himself into the strangest place he had ever seen. What's more, he did not seem to be able to get out.

The problem had started when the humans came. They threw good things to eat to him. He had to take the shells off, but they were soft to his sharp teeth. Inside were two kernels of the best food he had ever eaten. After he had eaten several, the humans just sat and talked and paid no more attention to him. He went looking for more.

He saw they had been taking the food out of a saggy red thing with black belts on it. He scampered over to it and looked inside. Down deep inside there were more pieces of food. He got in and began munching.

It was just then that a long z-i-p-p-i-n-g sound roared across the top of the thing, and it got dark in there. The next thing Tink knew he was going up and up without even climbing. After that he was bumped and joggled and joggled and bumped. He couldn't find a way out, and he did not know what to do next.

Which of these conclusions might be drawn from "Curious?" Put an "X" before each correct answer. Do not mark incorrect answers.

- ___ 6. Tink's mother would say he had gotten into things like this before.
- ___ 7. The food Tink was eating was probably pieces of orange peeling.
- ___ 8. When Tink felt himself going up, he was probably being lifted in the hands of one of the humans.
- ___ 9. The humans may have been taking a rest during a hike.
- ___ 10. Tink had probably gotten into one of the human's backpacks.
- ___ 11. The humans might get something of a surprise when they open their pack.

III.

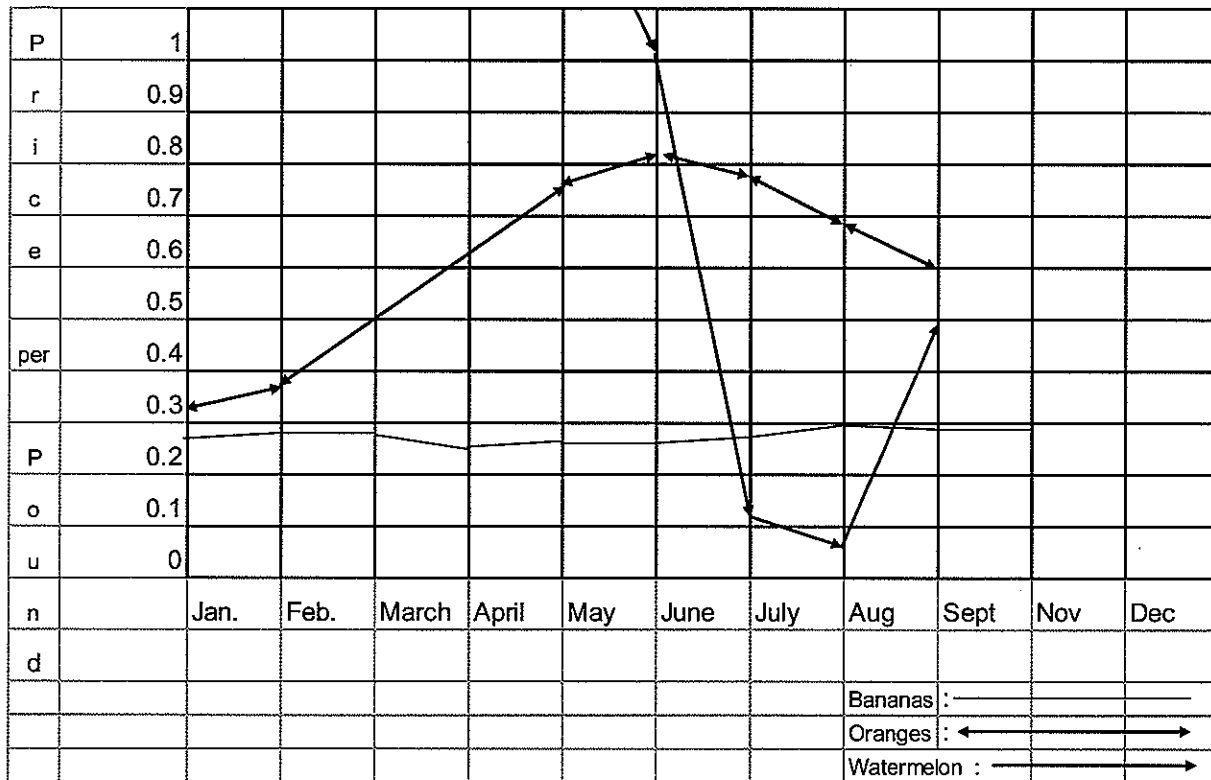
NIGHT STATION

Ring hated waiting for the two o'clock rider. It wasn't the night that bothered him. As a rider himself, he had ridden hours over the long stretches of road at night. He could almost feel the jarring hammer of the horse pounding down the trails under him. He heard the slap of mailbags against the horse's flanks. He could almost picture the sky full of diamond-like stars. What he really hated was sitting there knowing that it wasn't him out there. He would have given anything to be riding again with the express, but after his leg had been broken they wouldn't let him do it. Waiting for the night rider gave him too much time to think.

Which of these conclusions can be drawn from the article "Night Station?" Put an "X" before each correct answer. Do not mark wrong answers.

- ___ 12. Ring hurt his leg badly enough that he could not ride a horse very well.
- ___ 13. Ring probably works for the Pony Express.
- ___ 14. The two o'clock rider was supposed to come to Ring's station at two in the morning.
- ___ 15. Ring may have been hurt as a part of his work as a rider.
- ___ 16. We are sure that on this night the two o'clock rider will not come.

- IV. Read the graph below and answer the questions. You will have to predict some of the answers.



17. Do you think the price of watermelons will be higher in October than in September?

18. Do you think the price of bananas will be higher or about the same in October as compared to May? _____
19. When do you think the most oranges are available? (a) January (b) April (c) June
20. When are most watermelons available? (a) June (b) August (c) January
21. Is the price of oranges rising at the end of the chart? _____

V. FIREBELL

The horse's name was Firebell. It was true that he wasn't quite as young as he used to be, but then 12 years is not really old for a horse. He was retired though. He pulled old Markum's fruit cart around the town now, stopping at every house where there was a customer. Firebell wore an old straw hat with holes for his ears to stick out. All of

the neighborhood children liked to stop and talk with him and pet his nose on Saturday mornings when they had nothing else to do. You see, Firebell had a history. He had once belonged to the city. He helped pull one of the red steam pumper wagons to fires. He used to be the first one in place when the huge fire bell would ring from the city hall. Even before the volunteer firemen would come, he was ready. When they opened the station doors, his eyes themselves were full of fire, and he charged like a demon sniffing for smoke all the way. He was a fire horse.

Which of these things might Firebell do? Put an "X" before each correct answer. Do not mark wrong answers.

- ☐ 22. Start sniffing for fires when the fire bell rang.
- ☐ 23. Cause danger to the children because he was a wild horse.
- ☐ 24. Be drawn to smoke if he thought it came from a fire that needed to be put out.
- ☐ 25. Wreck Mr. Markum's cart if he ever took off for a fire when the fire bell rang.